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## Theater Facing Challenges Due to PEPCO, Legal Fees

by Diane Oberg

Just one day after receiving an emergency loan from the city for \$10,000, Executive Director Caitlin McGrath of the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT) met with the Greenbelt City Council on June 7 for the annual review of theater operations. In general, council appeared sympathetic to the theater's failure to become self-sufficient this year, as anticipated in the agreement. So far this year, McGrath said, the theater has lost \$11,000.

FOGT is currently exploring possible options with city staff including making McGrath a city employee, as was done with the Museum curator. She is not yet ready to request this both because she still feels that the theater can be made to be self-sustaining and concerns that customers might view that as making FOGT a city operation and thus less in need of donations.

See **THEATER**, page 8

## Water Quality Test Finds Indian Creek is Healthy

by Cameron Weeks

Most people dislike the idea of searching for insects, worms and other similar creatures. However, that is exactly what a small group of Greenbelt citizens did on Saturday, June 17. They were specifically looking for benthic macroinvertebrates at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Benthic macroinvertebrates are organisms that lack backbones, are large enough to be seen by the human eye and live at the bottom of a body of water. Such organisms include snails, leeches, clams and some insects.

The search for these benthos (as such animals are called) was part of a water quality test performed on a portion of Indian Creek near the Recreation Center. This test was part of a series of tests being organized by the CitizenScience Project to monitor the water quality in the Greenbelt

area. For clarification, the water is not being tested for human consumption. The testing is designed to determine the health of the water itself. Part of making that determination includes identifying the benthos living in the creek.

Other indicators of the creek's health are the pH of the water, the amount of dissolved oxygen the water carries and its turbidity (cloudiness). Based on the types of benthos found, a moderate pH, high dissolved oxygen content and low turbidity, Indian Creek was given a clean bill of health.

Saturday's test was overseen by Connor Roessler of the Department of Public Works. When asked why CitizenScience was monitoring the health of Indian Creek and other waterways in

See **CREEK**, page 7



PHOTO BY CAMERON WEEKES

Io Chaney looks for benthic macroinvertebrates in Indian Creek.

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PHOTO BY AMY S. HANSEN

School is out and summer camps have started. Young campers, called the Argonauts, from Creative Kids Camp tour the News Review office on June 19 and react as Editor Mary Lou Williamson suggests they volunteer to work on the paper.

## Presentations, Public Hearings, Petitions and Speed Cameras

by Kathleen Gallagher

The May 22 Greenbelt City Council meeting had a full agenda and lasted for nearly four hours. It opened with three presentations and continued with three public hearings and a new speed camera contract and four projects presented by the Planning Department for approval.

Two of these items were reported in the May 25 issue of this paper: a public hearing on whether to lower the voting age to 16 for municipal elections and a vote directing staff to draft potential legislation to revise the city charter and the city code to make the necessary amendments if council decides to go that route. A later article will cover the Planning Department approvals.

### Presentations

Rusty Beeg, Chris Beeg and Dora Hamm represented American Legion Post 136, presenting poppies to all those in attendance and explaining the historical significance of the poppy for remembrance of all those who have given their lives in combat while serving in the armed forces.

June is Peace Month in Greenbelt. Mayor pro tem Judith Davis presented a proclamation to that effect to Alexander Barnes, Sr., who represented the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition and described plans for the month.

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nicipal Building in blue next year on May 15, as is the practice in a number of jurisdictions. Davis thanked him for the good idea, and Councilmember Silke Pope added that it would fit in with the purple lights used to show community support for victims of domestic violence in October.

### Public Hearings

The second of two required public hearings was held for any additional public comment on the Fiscal Year 2018 budget prior to its planned adoption at the June 5 regular meeting. Although no one appeared to speak on the budget as such, Bill Orleans sought clarification on several items. Before closing the hearing, Davis announced that there would be no increase in the tax rate for next year.

The State of Maryland requires that a city hold a public hearing if its revenues from property taxes are anticipated to increase from the prior year even though it is not raising the property tax rate as a result, for example, of higher property assessments. In this situation, to keep revenues the same, the city would have to lower its tax rate. In Greenbelt next year, the tax rate will remain the same but tax revenues to the city will increase by \$732,792. Orleans asked if revenues from commercial

property were included in these calculations and was told they were. Lore Rosenthal received clarification that residents would be paying more in taxes even though the rate would not go up, if the value of their houses has increased. Conversely, in the years when property assessments decline, citizens pay less in taxes, reducing city revenue.

### Petitions and Requests

Jeff Harrison, a Greenbelt resident and member of PeoplePower.org, which the American Civil Liberties Union describes on its website as being its "grassroots volunteer resistance movement," made a request on behalf of the local PeoplePower group, as well as the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance and the Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition. He asked that the city adopt an ordinance to reconcile its detainer policies and procedures with those of the Prince George's County Department of Corrections. Individuals taken into custody by the Greenbelt Police Department are often taken to the county to be processed and held. The problem Harrison cited is that while the county does not honor any U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer without an accompanying judicial warrant,

See **COUNCIL**, page 8

## What Goes On

**Saturday, June 24**

9 a.m. to Noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Behind Municipal Building

10 a.m. to Noon, Rain Garden Workshop, Public Works

Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30, No Council Meetings

**Monday, June 26**

10 a.m. to Noon, Weed Warriors Event, Buddy Attick Park

6:30 p.m., Community Animal Response Team, Police Station

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt CERT, Police Station

**Tuesday, June 27**

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Green ACES/GreenTeam, Community Center

**Thursday, June 29**

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Municipal Building

# Letters to the Editor

## Allow Cats to Roam

I own my own home in the Woodland Hills section of our town. Our Woodland Hills home page has had some very interesting dialogue about the City of Greenbelt law that prohibits cats from being outdoors unless on a leash – basically saying that if you are going to own a cat they must stay indoors.

There are those who will call the city to report cats being outside, expecting animal control to come and pick them up – for whatever reason they believe.

I respectfully disagree with this and the law.

While I don't own any cats myself, I do welcome my neighbors' cats to come into my yard. They kill mice, moles, voles that would otherwise spread ticks and make my lawn and flower beds look less than desirable. I agree with another homeowner who wrote: . . . the rise in tick-borne diseases (especially Lyme) in the US is largely attributed to the proliferation of mice in fragmented wooded communities, such as Greenbelt. These small wooded areas, while great for shade and other benefits, are unfortunately not large enough to harbor enough natural predators, such as hawks and owls, to keep down the mice populations . . . we too enjoy our daily visits from our community cat. He helps keep the mole/vole/mouse population under control. There is occasional collateral damage (a bird), but we can live with that, given the benefits of rodent control.

So before you consider calling animal control to come and pick up a cat who is outdoors, please consider the benefits of having a

cat in your yard.

I have enjoyed the many posts on the Woodland Hills site and it is good to discuss differing opinions with mutual respect.

Terry Burchick

## Thanks

We wish to acknowledge and offer high praise for our neighbor in the 2 Court of Westway, Benny Leaphart. Throughout the year, Benny spends his own time, effort and money beautifying our court on behalf of all the neighbors as well as the town.

Christmas is one of Benny's specialties. Dazzling holiday lights are on full display throughout our entire parking lot and around our court's garden area. Benny even puts up a beautiful Christmas tree in the field abutting our court, and lights up the hedges all the way to the street.

Spring and summer are a true inspiration: beautiful flowers, shrubs and even a rock garden now adorn our common areas. Benny even takes the time to personally select and bring the rocks from a local quarry back to Greenbelt.

All this just for the love of nature, the holidays and his neighbors. What a true generosity of spirit! We could not be more delighted with or grateful to him for his efforts and outstanding creativity.

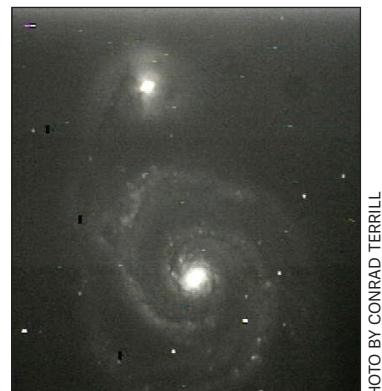
So hats off to Benny Leaphart for the love and care he shows to the community from two of his lucky neighbors. Please know that we appreciate all you do and accept our thanks for your many kindnesses, Benny.

Haven and Noreen McKinney

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, open to the public, on Saturday, June 24, at the Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees may see Jupiter and Saturn first, and then move on to deep sky objects such as galaxies, star clusters and nebulae and are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. The moon will not be up, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 9:30 p.m. and continue for about two hours. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



The Whirlpool Galaxy from Greenbelt Observatory



PHOTO BY CONRAD TERRILL

## On Screen

### Dining With Wolves?

*Beatrix At Dinner* is the first film of 2017 that overtly addresses the clashing ideologies, class divides, economic disparities and fraying of civility that saturate our social condition and political discourse. Donald Trump's name is never mentioned but the oily, narcissistic, menacing real estate billionaire Douglas Strutt (John Lithgow) is clearly his surrogate.

At a dinner party that begins well and becomes hell, a deglamorized Selma Hayek is Strutt's unlikely very capable opponent Beatrix.

A masseuse, immigrant, animal lover, caretaker, almost magical empath, Beatrix/Hayek eventually can no longer endure Strutt/Lithgow/Trump's smugness, sense of entitlement, ruthless lack of compassion.

Their ensuing dinner duel captures our political fractiousness. See it at Old Greenbelt Theatre beginning this Friday, June 23.

Rating: R, Running Time: 1 hour 23 minutes

Director: Miguel Arteta, Writer: Michael White

R. Running time: 124 minutes

- Jim Link

## July 4th Week Deadline Changes

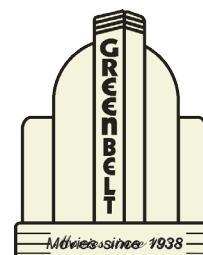
The News Review office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. The deadline for both classified and display ads will be Monday, July 3 at 8 p.m. The deadline for letters, articles and photos will be Monday at 10 p.m.

The office will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 10 p.m. Monday.

## Gender Revolution Gets a Free Showing

On Sunday, June 25 at 8 p.m., the Old Greenbelt Theatre's We the People Series, sponsored by Maryland Humanities and Greenbelt Pride, is hosting a special screening of National Geographic's *Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric*. In this film, Couric sets out to explore the rapidly evolving complexities of gender identity.

After the show there will be a discussion with host Hilary Howes and guest speaker Stacy Jackson-Roberts. Howes has been educating audiences for over 20 years about transgender issues. Jackson-Roberts counsels individuals with gender issues for a major health care provider and in private practice.



Old Greenbelt Theatre

129 Centerway

301-329-2034

[www.greenbelttheatre.org](http://www.greenbelttheatre.org)

Members always \$6.50!

Adults \$9, Senior/Student \$8, Members \$6.50, Kids \$6

All shows before 5 PM: Adults \$7, Members \$6.50, Kids \$5

OC = Open Captions

CC = Closed Captions

**SHOWTIMES**  
June 23rd - June 29th

**BEATRIZ AT DINNER**  
(R) (CC) (83 mins)

Fri. 3:00, 5:15, 7:45 PM

Sat. 11:00 AM, 5:15,

7:45 PM

Sun. 1:00 (OC), 3:00,

5:15 PM

Mon. 5:15, 7:45 PM

Tues. 5:15, 7:45 PM

Wed. 3:00, 5:15, 7:45 PM

Thurs. 5:15, 7:45 PM

**Family Series:**

**HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE**  
(2001) (PG) (152 mins)

Sat. 1:00 pm

**We The People Series:  
GENDER REVOLUTION**  
(2017) (95 mins)

Sun. 8:00 pm - FREE!

**STORYTIME ON SCREEN**  
Mon. 10:30 AM - FREE!

**School's Out Series:  
SING**  
(2016) (CC)  
(PG) (108 mins)

Thurs. 1:00 pm - FREE!

## The Old Curmudgeon



"The 'Procrastinators Club' has postponed its meeting again!"

- News Review, April 18, 2002

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# Community Events

## June Peace Month Activities this Week

All month, June 1 to 30, Message to Tomorrow is ongoing in the Community Center Lobby. The City celebrates its anniversary by inviting Greenbelters to write themselves a letter, outlining their hopes for the future and the actions they commit to taking to improve their community and the world.

Friday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., Film and discussion on a Medicare-for-All healthcare system, Community Center Room 114. View Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point to learn how a single-payer U.S. public health insurance system would advance social justice and economic efficiency. Discussion on ways citizens can engage now to make this vision a reality. Cosponsors are Healthcare is a Human Right-Prince George's and P.G. County Peace & Justice Coalition. Contact justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. to noon, Rain Garden Workshop and Walking Tour, starting at the Public Works building. Learn how to design and install rain gardens and then get a rebate through the Rain Check program. Take a tour of local rain gardens. Sponsored by Greenbelt Public Works in partnership with Prince George's County Department of the Environment. Contact and RSVP to Connor Roessler, croessler@greenbeltdmd.gov, 240-542-2150.

Sunday, June 25, 1 to 5 p.m., Collection of Greenbelters' Artifacts and Stories about Promoting Peace, at the Greenbelt Museum historic house. How have Greenbelters promoted peace over the years: anti-war demonstrations, protests, or other events? The Greenbelt Museum is interested in peace-related artifacts, photographs and newspaper clippings. It would also like to record peace-promoting stories and memories so as to share them using the StoryCorps App.

Drop by the historic house for this special collecting initiative. Contact Ennis Barber Smith, greenbeltmuseumststaff@gmail.com or 240-542-2064.

Sunday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bikes for the World Collection, parking lot behind City office building. Recycle repairable bikes, their parts and accessories for use overseas. See bikesfortheworld.org. Sponsored by Greenbelt Bahá'í Community. Contact Jim Fischer at jfischer2@verizon.net.

## Forest Preserve Board to Meet

On Thursday, June 29 at 7 p.m., the Forest Preserve Advisory Board will meet at the Municipal Building. On the agenda is a discussion on portions of the AMT Forest Preserve Health Assessment submitted by consultant A. Morton Thomas. The portions to be considered are: Goals and Recommendations-Policy Statement, Section 1 (Introduction), Section 5 (Invasive Species), and more, time permitting, as well as review of the dynamic governance/circle meeting.

Contact Erin Josephitis at 301-474-8004 or ejosephitis@greenbeltdmd.gov.



## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of June 26 are as follows:

Monday, June 26: Grilled beef strips with gravy, garlic whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, diced pears, orange juice.

Tuesday, June 27: Diced chicken with onions and peppers, red beans and rice, southwestern green beans, corn tortilla, Mandarin oranges and pineapples, grape juice.

Wednesday, June 28: Stuffed salmon with Old Bay cream sauce, parslid rice, kale, wheat roll with margarine, fresh fruit, apple juice.

Thursday, June 29: Baked chicken thigh, mashed spiced yams, garlic parmesan cauliflower, cornbread muffins, fruit cocktail, orange juice.

Friday, June 30: Sloppy Joe, ranch beans, fiesta vegetables, wheat hamburger bun, cinnamon applesauce, cranberry juice.

## GTA First Summer Singles Turney

On Saturday, June 24, starting at 8 a.m. and continuing on Sunday, June 25 the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will conduct its first singles tournament of the new season. All matches will be played at Braden Field. Advance registration is required by Wednesday, June 21 to be included in the draw. Register at [greenbelt.com/tennis](http://greenbelt.com/tennis) or call 301-595-5744. There is a fee for entry, with GTA members receiving a discounted rate.

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**More Community Events  
are located throughout the paper.**

## Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING FRIDAY: JUNE 23

### MURDER ON THE NILE



June 23, 24, 30, July 1 at 8PM  
June 25 & July 2 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

### COMING SOON

Teresa - Jul 14 - 23 - Production from 7th Street  
King Kirby - Jul 28 - Aug 12 - Production from Off the Quill  
Arden Now (an As You Like It adaptation) - Aug 25 - Sept 2 - Production from the Rude Mechanicals  
Midnight Cigarette - Sept 8 - 24 - Production from Wolf Pack Theater

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbelartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbelartscenter.org) or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbelartscenter.org](http://www.greenbelartscenter.org)

## GHI Notes

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room;

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee/Communications Committee Joint Meeting, Board Room.

Monday, June 26, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby;

7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Tuesday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., Solar Task Force Meeting, Board Room.

Wednesday, June 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors/Audit Committee Work Session.

Friday, June 30, Office Closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

## Donate Blood This Summer

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give lifesaving blood this summer for hospital patients in need. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can make an even greater impact by inviting others to join them in giving.

The Red Cross recommends before donating blood to get a good night's sleep, eat a nutritious meal and drink extra fluids. The donation process starts to finish takes about an hour. The actual donation only takes about ten minutes.

The next blood drive in Greenbelt is on Monday, June 26 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road.

**GIVE BLOOD  
GIVE LIFE**

## Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, June 24, Nature Discovery Walk. Come to the park and enjoy a summer walk on the Blueberry Trail. Discover the beauty of the forest in summer. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 25, Greenbelt Park Walking Club. Join up for a 1.4-mile group walk around the park road loop. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 25, Campfire Program: Mission 66: The birth of the Greenbelt campground. Go back in time to 1966 and celebrate the 50th birthday of the National Park Service and the first year of the Greenbelt Park campground. Campground guests and the public are welcome at the Campfire Circle for a traditional NPS campfire program at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27, Junior Ranger Tuesday Summer Trail Walk. Join a park ranger for a children's ½-mile trail walk to explore the urban oasis of Greenbelt Park. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 10 a.m.

Friday, June 30, Animals of Greenbelt. Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to join a park ranger for a presentation on wildlife that call this special place their home. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 4 p.m.



## At the Library

### Storytimes

Monday, June 26, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, June 28, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, June 29, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

### Books at Bedtime

Tuesday, June 27, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., ages newborn to 3, limit 20 people. This is an opportunity for children under three with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities. Stop by the Information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event. (Books at Bedtime will be presented weekly on Tuesday evenings, except July 4, through July 25.)

### STEM for Families

Monday, June 26, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Explore the world of spiders and the webs they weave.

### Rockin 2 Rhythm

Wednesday, June 28, 11 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Come experience this musical story program that uses books, songs, manipulatives, free dance and following directions to encourage early literacy.

### STEM-tastic!

Wednesday, June 28, 4 p.m. Explore science, engineering, technology and math concepts through a variety of fun activities.

## Utopia Film Festival Presents

**Sunday, June 25, Wed., June 28, & Fri., June 30  
Beginning at 8 PM**

**"Finding Kraftland (2008)," "Hungry (2008),"  
and "After the Factory (2011)"**

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)  
Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

"WE'RE ALL A LOT MORE COMPLICATED THAN WE'VE ASSUMED."  
- KATIE COURIC

**GENDER REVOLUTION**  
A JOURNEY WITH KATIE COURIC

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SUNDAY

6/25

8:00 PM

Old Greenbelt

Theatre

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Greenbelt, MD 20770  
[greenbeltheatre.org](http://greenbeltheatre.org)  
301-329-2034

For LGBTQ Pride Month, join us for a screening of National Geographic's *Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric*, with host Hilary Howes and guest speaker Stacy Jackson-Roberts, MSW, LCSW-C

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# Obituaries

## Keith Pendleton

Greenbelt native Keith Pendleton, age 73, died in Millsboro, Del. on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from leukemia. Born on September 11, 1943 to the late Walter and Mary Pendleton, Mr. Pendleton grew up in Greenbelt and graduated from Bladensburg High School. He was considered by his peers as one of the best graphic artists and illustrators in the Washington area. When he was in his teens, he could often be found at the Greenbelt Youth Center, drawing all sorts of things for anybody who asked him to draw something, from crazy-looking monsters driving crazy-looking cars, to elegant flowers, to detailed sketches of animals.

Mr. Pendleton's awesome talent enabled him to launch his career at Gelberg Signs in Washington. He worked there for almost 30 years as a sign painter, designer and commercial artist. He left Gelberg and later moved to Laurel, where he started his own business, Pendleton Design. He later worked for Hargrove in Lanham, where he designed exhibits for trade shows, parade floats and commercial advertising artwork. Mr. Pendleton supervised the designs and oversaw the construction of the parade floats for President Ronald Reagan's inauguration, which was eventually canceled due to frigid weather.

Besides art and design, Mr. Pendleton's passions were golf, fishing and race horseracing. He loved studying the thoroughbreds and could be found from time to time at Laurel Raceway. He was also an avid Washington Redskins fan.

Mr. Pendleton is survived by his wife Christine (Morrison) Pendleton of Millsboro, Del.; son Dwayne Pendleton of Denver, Colo.; daughter Karen Hines of Oak Ridge, N.J.; brother John Pendleton of Walkersville, Md.; and sister Joyce Scanlon of Edgewater, Md. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A private service was held in Millsboro.

## Marvin Torres



Marvin "Morgan" Torres

Marvin "Morgan" Torres, 47, of Frederick, formerly of Greenbelt, died on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Unified Community Connections in Frederick, where he had resided since 2007.

Born November 12, 1969, he was the son of Don and Joanne Volk of Connecticut.

Mr. Torres is survived by his parents, brother Patrick Volk (Joanna Yoo) and nieces Olivia and Emily Volk. He leaves behind many friends.

He attended the Human Development Council since 1999.

Mr. Torres had a love for listening to music, especially classical. He enjoyed playing with his building blocks and looking through books and magazines. He loved to eat, always indicating he wanted more. He also loved to aggravate his housemate, Miss Doris!

A memorial service was held June 19, 2017 at Rest Haven Funeral Home, Hagerstown. Burial followed at Rest Haven Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at [rsthn.com](http://rsthn.com).



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## In Memoriam

### Ron Hall

by Rick Ransom

Ron Hall, a Greenbelt kid from the north end of town who grew up in the 1960s, succumbed to complications created by diabetes at his home in Dunkirk, Md., on June 13, 2017. Those complications included the loss of both legs below the knee, loss of kidney function and finally legal blindness. His was a brave struggle along the way, with many hospitalizations. He would have turned 70 years old on July 30.

He is survived by his wife Diane, his daughter Sheila, his step-children Ronnie and Lisa whom he never considered step-children, two sisters Linda and Susie (both in Vero Beach, Fla.) and two brothers: Alvin of Reedville, Va. and Johnny, who still lives in the family GHI home. He leaves behind also six grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ron and I were more like brothers than friends as I was a part of the Hall family during my late teenage years. I was more or less adopted by Mr. Hall as I didn't have a father in the home (unusual in those days). Ron was in my first band, The Rockin' Rejects, as the lead singer until one of our regular "disagreements" within the band chased him away. It was then that I became the lead singer out of necessity, the mother of so much that is creative. I was Ron's best man at his first wedding, to Karen Herling, a Greenbelt girl who was also a friend and school mate of mine. She is the mother of Ron's daughter Sheila.

Ron knew how to laugh and how to make us laugh. He was a great storyteller with generous applications of hyperbole. He learned many of the dances that were featured in those days, including the pony, the mashed potato, etc. After our first paid band job at the Greenbelt Youth Center, we spent the \$25 we

made (total) at the Mighty Mo in Langley Park. We did most of the things teens did then which included stupid things that did not sit well with our parents.

Ron was driving when he and I rolled an Oldsmobile on its roof out at Deadman's Curve on Md. Route 193 right below Route 1. I am certainly not proud of that and wouldn't recommend it as a recreational activity, but it did sort of mark a twisted rite of aging that did not work out so well for a few of our other friends in other such events. In a more positive light, we helped others when we could, learned how to work on cars, spent many nights in the old theater, and stayed up late (or planned to) on Saturday nights watching Shock Theater with Count Gore Dival on the old TV Channel 20.

After I obtained my driver's license, Ron and I drove the Studebaker I had inherited from my brother to Pittston, Pa., to plant a small boxwood at a gravesite. The cemetery custodian came running out of his nearby house waving his arms and yelling for the police. I think he thought we were going to dig up an occupant of the grounds. After we showed him our small floral offering and our benign

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Condolences to the family and friends of Keith Pendleton, who died on June 8.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Ron Hall on June 13 from complications of diabetes.

Sympathy to Don and Joanne Volk and friends on the death of their son Morgan on June 8. The Volks moved to Connecticut several years ago after living in Greenbelt for many years.

An early Greenbelt resident was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, June 16: Maj. Ethel C. Warner (Ret.), Women's Army Corps of the U.S. Army. She was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on April 21, 1919, and moved with her family to Greenbelt in 1938 for her father's work at the Washington Navy Yard. Ethel worked several jobs within the new city of Greenbelt and then, after training in the "comptometer adding and calculating machine," worked in auditing for the Woodward & Lothrop department store. She joined the Civil Service one week before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Ethel enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in March 1943, beginning 21 years of military service, from which she retired with the rank of Major in 1964. Her later career took her to California and Hawaii.

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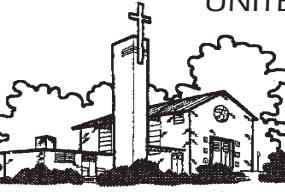
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## Greenbelt Community Church

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Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

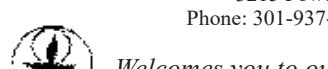
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# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 26-30

Monday, June 26 NO COUNCIL MEETINGS THIS WEEK - MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Monday, June 26, at 6:30pm, **COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Rd. On the Agenda: Review of CART Work Session, AKC Disaster Relief Trailer Grant, Vote to approve CART Bylaws & Mission/Goals/Objectives Statement, and SOP Shelter Operations – Registration and Identification Procedures

Monday, June 26 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT CERT** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Rd. On the agenda: Moving elections from January to November and General Announcements.

Tuesday, June 27 at 7pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Elections & Liaisons, 2017/18 Calendar, Preparations for Labor Day Parade, and Updates – Clubs, Grants

Tuesday, June 27 at 7:30pm, **GREEN ACES/GREEN TEAM MEETING** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles, Energy / Solar, Food Systems / Sustainable Landcare, Green Building, Land Use / Planning / Pathways of Sustainability, Time Bank / Local Economies, Waste Management / Zero Waste, and Water / Stream / Stormwater Restoration, Upcoming events.

Thursday, June 29 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Discussion on AMT Forest Preserve Health Assessment – Goals and Recommendations – Policy Statement, Section 1 (Introduction), Section 5 (Invasive Species) and Review of dynamic governance/circle meeting.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

**Greenbelt Recreation Department**  
[www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation) 301-397-2200

Looking for programs to keep your children active and engaged this summer? Check out our Summer Camp Program Guide for a full day of activity!

Explore our Summer Activity Guide for lots of options from theater, dance, ceramics, roller skating, eagle v.i.s.i.o.n., soccer, basketball, swim lessons, tennis to dessert preparation to fill part of the day with learning something new, socializing and staying active!

Please visit our website, stop by a recreation center, or give us a call for more information.



## JULY FOURTH FANFARE

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road. Bring a picnic, Walk the lake trail, Enjoy the playground!

Community Drum Circle from 5:30pm-6:45pm Greenbelt Concert Band from 7:30pm-8:30pm

**FIREWORKS approximately 9pm**

In case of inclement weather, please call the weather and information hotline, 301-474-0646, for updated event status.



**RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP**  
 Saturday, June 24  
 10am-12noon  
 Public Works  
 555 Crescent Road  
 Come for an introduction to design and installation, learn about the Rain Check Rebate Program,

and a walking tour of local rain gardens.  
 RSVP to Connor Roessler at [croessler@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:croessler@greenbeltdmd.gov) or 240-542-2150.

**DONATION DROP-OFF**  
 Saturday, June 24, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
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## JUNE IS PEACE MONTH IN GREENBELT

Collection of Greenbelters' Artifacts and Stories about Promoting Peace, Sunday, June 25, 1-5 pm Greenbelt Museum's Historic House, 10B Crescent Road

Greenbelters, how have you promoted peace over the years: anti-war demonstrations, protests, or other events? The Greenbelt Museum is interested in your peace-related artifacts, photographs, and newspaper clippings. It would also like to record your peace-promoting stories and memories so as to share them using the StoryCorps App.

Drop by the historic house for this special collecting initiative. Greenbelt Museum - contact Ennis Barber Smith, [greenbeltmuseumststaff@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltmuseumststaff@gmail.com) or 240-542-2064

**Bikes for the World Collection, Sunday, June 25, 10 am-2 pm, Parking lot behind City office building at 25 Crescent Road**

Recycle your repairable bikes, their parts and accessories for use overseas. See [www.bikesfortheworld.org](http://www.bikesfortheworld.org). Greenbelt Baha'i Community- contact Jim Fischer [jfischer2@verizon.net](mailto:jfischer2@verizon.net).

## Introducing Greenbelt CARES: **TUTORING PROGRAM SUMMER PROGRAM!!!!**

FOR: K- 12TH GRADE STUDENTS  
 Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse  
 6101 Cherrywood Lane  
 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

JULY 5 - July 6, 2017 \*\*\* No FRIDAY'S \*\*\*\*\*

Then Monday – Thursday, July 10 - August 3, 2017

Daily Schedule: 12:30 - 1:00 - Lunch, 1:00 - 2:30 - Academic Program, 2:30 - 3:00 - Reading, 3:00 - 3:30 - Daily Program\*

Pre-registration is required

Need more information? Call Judge Hering, M.S., Vocational/Educational Counselor at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or [jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov)

## PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A CHARITABLE DONATION TO THE CITY OF GREENBELT'S EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

The Emergency Relief Fund was created to help our neighbors with temporary housing challenges (e.g., the inability to pay one month's rent). Requests for funds come from individuals, referrals from churches or from civic organizations. All requests for assistance are reviewed by the Volunteer Emergency Relief Coordinator and then referred to the Director of Greenbelt CARES who takes additional measures to verify the request. and then authorizes the release of City funds.

The Emergency Relief Fund's purpose is to specifically assist our neighbors who are faced with homelessness – and for no other purposes. The funds are granted on a emergency, one-time only basis.

Funding of this charitable fund is made possible by contributions made by individuals and organizations. No City funds are used for this purpose. It is administered by the Director of Greenbelt CARES and the City Treasurer, who account for all receipts and disbursements.

Due to a large number of requests, the Emergency Relief Fund is now, unfortunately, near depletion.

The City recognizes that there are many ways for you to serve our community, both financially and through service – and your support of the Greenbelt community is very appreciated. If your organization or congregation is able to contribute to this worthy cause, it will allow the City to continue to assist Greenbelters that are facing a housing crisis.

**Contributions can be made to: City of Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. You can be assured that care will be taken to distribute these funds as fairly as possible.**

For more information about the Emergency Relief Fund please contact Ms. Liz Park, Director of Cares, at 301-345-6600.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**



**Weed Warriors Volunteer Event**  
 June 26, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Buddy Attick Lake Park,  
 555 Crescent Road

Weed Warrior Volunteers are needed to protect our forests by removing invasive species. Training and gloves will be provided.

**REMINDERS:** Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. Bring a reusable water bottle. High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms!

**Greenbelt CARES SUMMER GED PROGRAM**  
 Registration will be on MONDAY, JULY 3, at the SPRING-HILL LAKE Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane Class will begin that day.

This class will meet every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY through July 27.

This is a combined class, reviewing basic math and English skills, critical thinking and analytical skills in social studies, science, and computer skills.

Students should bring pencil, pen, and a notebook. Students must be at least 16 years of age and have withdrawn from school in order to take the GED course.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e. current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle I.D. card).

Students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook, calculator and test-taking materials for \$45 (purchased from Greenbelt CARES). There is no registration fee for GREENBELT RESIDENTS. Non-Greenbelt residents are required to pay a \$ 75 registration fee.

Questions should be directed to Judge Hering, Vocational/Educational Counselor, GED course instructor, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or email: [jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov).

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.**

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education (effective July 1<sup>st</sup>), Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

**For City Information, Services and Events visit**

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Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
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# Museum to Document Peace Activities Sunday in Greenbelt

As part of Greenbelt Peace Month, the Greenbelt Museum is interested in learning about how Greenbelters have promoted peace over the years: anti-war demonstrations, vigils or other events. The Museum would like to collect or scan residents' photographs and newspaper clippings related to this important facet of Greenbelt history. In addition to archival documents, the Museum staff are also interested in recording Greenbelt residents' peace-promoting stories and memories. These stories will be recorded and shared using the StoryCorps app. In order to participate in this special collection initiative, residents should plan to visit the Museum's Historic House on Sunday, June 25 between the

hours of 1 and 5 p.m. Staff and volunteers will be operating a document and photograph scanning station, as well as audio recording devices. The Museum's goal is to serve everyone who visits and wants to share their stories, photographs or documents. However, if there is an overwhelming turnout, the Museum will schedule a follow-up recording and scanning session.

All interviews recorded on this date will be audio only (no video) paired with still photographs. In an effort to ensure that these interviews are easy to share with family and friends, they will be posted on the Greenbelt Museum's StoryCorps page: <https://storycorps.me/user/greenbeltmuseum/>. Con-

tact the Museum's assistant director, Ennis Barberly Smith, at [assistantdirector@greenbeltmuseum.org](mailto:assistantdirector@greenbeltmuseum.org) or 240-542-2064 with further inquiries.

Greenbelt is a National Historic Landmark, a planned community built in 1937 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. It was designed as a cooperative garden suburb that would be a model of modern town planning in America. The Greenbelt Museum allows visitors to experience Greenbelt's beauty and rich history through tours of an historic home, award-winning exhibits, public lectures, educational programs for children and walking tours of the historic town. For more information, visit [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org).

**VISIT [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com)**

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the area, Roessler replied, "We're testing these subwatersheds of the Chesapeake Bay in order to see how healthy they are, because they do have an impact downstream on the Chesapeake Bay." This is a major point concerning the health of the Bay ecosystem. Many people assume that the pollution in the Bay is the result of directly dumping pollutants into the Bay. However, that is only one source of pollution. The runoff of fertilizer, acid rain and other pollutants into waterways that feed into the Bay also plays a part. By monitoring and maintaining the health of these waterways, we can help protect the Bay ecosystem.

To find the different benthos, it was sometimes necessary for participants to walk into the creek. The participant who spent the most time in the creek and found many of the benthos was Io Chaney. Once the testing was finished, I asked Chaney if she would consider attending one of the upcoming tests. She said, "I'm coming back I think July or August."

For those who missed Saturday's test and are interested in participating, five additional tests will be held throughout the summer. Two of these tests will be held at Springhill Lake

Recreation Center on July 15 and August 5. The other three tests will be performed at Schrom Hills Park on July 8, July 29 and August 19. Testing will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on all days

at both locations. To RSVP for any of the tests, contact Erin Josephitis at [ejosephitis@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ejosephitis@greenbeltdmd.gov) or 240-542-2168.

## E. & F. Roosevelt Club Holds Annual Community Picnic

by Konrad Herling

Mark Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m. on your calendars: Schrom Hills Park picnic grounds at 6915 Hanover Parkway is the place to be with friends, neighbors and fellow members of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club for an enjoyable summer afternoon of company and conversation. There will be plenty to talk about.

This is the biggest club event since the 40th anniversary dinner last November. Yes, local Democrats celebrated despite the disappointing election results earlier that month. But the spirit is high, the club's membership is up and now over 100, and the food and drink, good company and conversation will be testimony to the resilient spirit of the 41-year-old organization.

Folks from the club's earlier days can recall area representa-

tives such as late State Senators Ed and Mary Conroy, as well as former State Senator Leo Green and Congressman Steny Hoyer enjoying, along with club members, good food on a summer afternoon. Former State Senator Jolene Ivey and former State's Attorney Glenn Ivey, County Councilmember Todd Turner as well as our State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healy, Tawanna Gaines, Alonzo Washington have all taken turns flipping burgers and hot dogs at the club's picnics.

There is a basketball court and baseball field, as well as playgrounds, a walking trail and other facilities and board games for all to enjoy. Go to [rooseveltclub.com](http://rooseveltclub.com) or email [president@rooseveltclub.com](mailto:president@rooseveltclub.com) to RSVP and sign-up to bring a dish.

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## 2017 Outstanding Citizen Nominations Are Sought

by Barbara Havekost

Each year as part of the Labor Day Festival, one Greenbelt citizen is selected to be honored as the city's outstanding citizen. This year is a special year, the celebration of the City of Greenbelt's 80th anniversary.

The Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee is soliciting nominations for a special person, someone who represents the values that Greenbelt has championed for 80 years and that make it a special place. Nominees must be volunteers; employees and elected officials may not be considered.

Each of us knows some certain person who stands out, someone who gives generously of his or her time and shows concern for others, someone who demonstrates the leadership, enthusiasm and cooperation for which Greenbelt has always been known.

Nominations should be submitted on the form provided at the bottom of this page and must be made by individuals; if members

of an organization wish to support a nomination, each supporting person must sign the letter accompanying the nomination form. The deadline for nominations is July 31.

The name of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2017 will be announced at the Labor Day Festival opening ceremony on Friday evening, September 1. The person selected will receive prizes and proclamations and will be the Grand Marshal of the Labor Day parade on Monday, September 4.

Don't let this opportunity pass to honor someone you feel is special and who has helped make Greenbelt a great place to live. Put your thoughts in writing to the Outstanding Citizen Committee, listing all the activities in which this person may be involved. Only one person will be selected, but every nomination is an honor. Show your appreciation to some special person by nominating him or her to be Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in this, the 80th anniversary year.

## County Council Approves Greenbelt Food Truck Hub

by Karen D. Campbell

preneurship and revitalization.

The county council approved the opportunity for Food Truck Hubs in 2015, however special council authorization was required to locate a Food Truck Hub outside of the designated areas. Both the cities of Bowie and Greenbelt supported the designations at the Bowie Town Center and Capital Office Park, respectively.

Food Truck Hubs, as defined by legislation, are outdoor areas designated by the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) where two or more mobile units may sell freshly prepared foods or fresh fruits and vegetables. Food Truck Hubs increase public access to healthy food options, encourage economic development and promote entre-

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As required by the legislation, Food Truck Hubs are subject to an application approval and inspection by DPIE.

*Karen D. Campbell is director of Prince George's County Council Office of Communications.*

### NOMINATION FORM

#### Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form by July 31, 2017 to:

Bob Zuby, Chair  
Outstanding Citizen Committee  
94 Ridge Road; Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the July 31st deadline.

Nominated by:

Name(s) (please print)

Signature(s)

Telephone

Thank you!

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the city has no such policy and procedure and may honor an ICE detainer without a warrant. Davis said the city would get back to him after the request is referred to appropriate staff and advisory groups.

Orleans made a request for additional information on council's executive sessions.

Byrd expressed support for the PeoplePower.org petition, indicating that he is a member of the local group.

### Speed Camera Contract

The city's contract with its speed camera vendor, Brekford Corporation, expired at the end of April but was extended through the end of May. Brekford was willing to let Greenbelt piggyback on a Calvert County contract, which was awarded through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The fees in the new three-year contract are \$33,600 per year lower than on the city's current contract, and it is anticipated that revenue will exceed fees by about \$140,000.

The city did solicit proposals from two other firms. One did not reply and the other offered a higher per unit fee. College Park also awarded a contract to a different vendor recently who charged a significantly higher fee. Brekford is already on the city's negotiated purchase list and holds contracts with at least seven other jurisdictions in Maryland.

Noting that a great deal of background information had been provided for this item, Davis asked Pracht, who was representing the Police Department, if Brekford had gotten past some of its prior business problems. Pracht said they had made changes and by dividing the company, they were now focusing their resources on speed cameras and red light cameras. According to Pracht, the department had

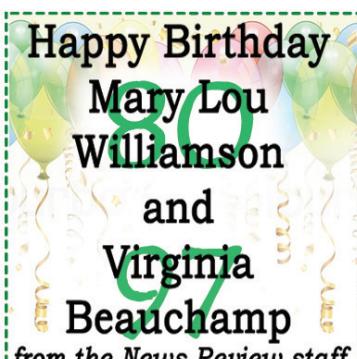
### Film and Discussion On U.S. Healthcare

The documentary Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point will be presented as part of Greenbelt's Peace Month on Friday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center.

The film features over 40 interviews with activists, health policy experts, economists, physicians, nurses, patients and business and labor leaders.

A discussion on a proposed Medicare for All system and how single-payer public healthcare would work will follow the film. Leaders from the county chapter of Healthcare is a Human Right will lead the discussion.

The film and discussion is co-sponsored by Healthcare is a Human Right-Prince George's and Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition. For more information, contact Lucy Duff, justpeacepg@earthlink.net, 202-549-5574.



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stopped using Brekford for almost everything except the cameras some time ago. Having worked with this company since the beginning on the city's program, they were confident in the staff recommendation.

Unsatisfied with Pracht's information on the city's relationship with Brekford, Byrd reviewed a lengthy list of the company's problems in Baltimore and asked council to delay its decision for a week and "do more research" on Baltimore's experience.

Asked by Davis whether this information should have any impact on their decision, Pracht said it was not relevant and reflected the larger scale of Baltimore's issues with the company. Byrd also restated his belief that the city should put its purchases through its own RFP process regardless of the process undertaken by the jurisdiction whose contract the city was going to piggyback on.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts also objected to the contract, saying he thought the city should always do a "full-out RFP process." Otherwise, he said, the residents would not understand why an RFP had not been issued and people would always question whether the city's procedure was "above board." He added that Byrd's presentation on Baltimore had given him doubts about this vendor as well.

Councilmember Edward Putens replied that many years ago jurisdictions all did their own solicitations and negotiations, but they had found that working cooperatively with other groups was much more effective and saved a great deal of money.

Davis added that the city makes cooperative purchases with a number of different organizations and jurisdictions all the time, which results not only in lower prices but in much less staff time being spent. She argued that it is the fiscally responsible thing to do since it saves tax money for residents.

Councilmember Leta Mach called the question, with her motion carrying on a 5-1 vote with Roberts voting against. The vote on the contract was also 5-1 with Roberts opposed.

the theater cannot yet stand on its own feet.

Several councilmembers indicated a willingness to extend the city subsidy or for the city to take over responsibility for the monthly electric bill. As part of finalizing the city's budget for the coming year, council had already agreed to take over the back-billed amount, paying it off over three years. In part, that decision appeared to reflect the fact that FOGT is now facing much higher expenses than were foreseen when they bid to run the theater.

### Current Status

Because FOGT anticipated having to fundraise to pay the power bill, they put a planned fund drive for new seats on hold. They are considering when to launch this effort. This delay puts a \$30,000 grant they had received towards the seats in jeopardy, as the grant terms put a deadline on when the funds must be spent. FOGT is seeking an extension of that deadline.

To try to right its financial ship, FOGT will strive to increase its donor base and donations, continue to seek grants and try to draw in customers from a wider area. Increasing donations, memberships, event sponsorship, on-screen advertising and theater rentals will be a particular focus as revenues from these activities as not taxed.

As a non-profit organization, FOGT is not subject to income tax but ticket sales are subject to a 10 percent admissions and amusements tax and the standard 6 percent sales tax applies to concession sales. In 2016, for example, FOGT had movie revenue of roughly \$18,800 and concession revenue of \$7,725 per month. More than \$1,880 and \$460 of these revenues, respectively, went to state and local governments in taxes.

Based upon consultation with other organizations, FOGT has set a goal to raise its non-taxed revenue from the current 24 percent to 40 percent of gross revenue. To help reach this goal, FOGT increased the benefit of membership. In place of the previous \$1 discount on evening showings, members now get tickets at \$6.50

at all times. Total membership has risen to over 1,000, up from 727 in 2015.

The theater hosts a variety of free events in accordance with its agreement with the city. Councilmember Judith Davis encouraged audience members at these events to buy some popcorn or make a donation to help offset the theater's costs. McGrath pointed out that FOGT composts all popcorn left over at the end of the day while many other theaters reheat it and serve it the next day.

Moving forward, the FOGT seeks to improve messaging to the audience, expand outreach efforts, and continue to look for ways to operate more efficiently.

Another challenge is maintaining staffing. Last fall their manager quit, leaving a hole that took two people to fill. They have recently hired two new full-time staffers. FOGT now has three full-time and 12 part-time employees. It also has a pool of 40 to 60 volunteers, although McGrath says they have not yet found how to effectively use volunteers to reduce payroll costs.

### Films Shown

During 2016, the theater showed 190 films including 53 first-run films. McGrath noted that all of the featured films they show are first run, but that the theater rarely gets films on their opening weekends. If they get a film for its opening weekend, FOGT cannot run any other film for the first two weeks.

The economics of film distribution are also a bit mind-boggling as described by McGrath. FOGT cannot decide when to switch to a new film. Instead, the film company tells them when they can stop showing a film and move on to the next. This can result in FOGT having to continue showing a film even after attendance drops off. Then, sometimes long after a film is shown, the theater can be billed for additional royalties. Recently, for example, they were billed for an additional payment for a film shown in 2015. The film companies have all the leverage, she noted, and if FOGT tries to protest it is told to pay up or

never get another film from that studio again.

McGrath said that there is interest from its membership for Wednesday matinees, in part from customers who want to be home before dark in the fall and winter.

Some councilmembers expressed an interest in different types of films, such as action movies. McGrath said that because the theaters in Beltway Plaza are so close, the studios won't let FOGT get the film. In addition, the theater's focus is on arts films, not action films.

Getting a popular film does not necessarily give the theater a financial shot in the arm. Their most popular film to date has been Hidden Figures, which ran for four weeks. FOGT grossed nearly \$30,000 but 10 percent of that went to taxes and the studio got 56 percent. In March, the studio increased the percentage they demanded by 1 percent. After all was said and done, FOGT netted just \$9,804 for 28 days of showing the film. Despite being the most successful film that theater has ever shown, the ticket revenue did not cover the FOGT's costs.

Sometimes FOGT does get an opening weekend film, such as Beauty and the Beast. This has not paid off for them, however. The studio tends to require FOGT to show these films longer, even if the film flops and the initial long lines can be more than their staff can handle, discouraging patrons from purchasing concessions. McGrath said they are working to be able to handle large crowds better.

### Fully Compliant

Unlike many other theaters, McGrath said, the Old Greenbelt Theatre is fully compliant with the new Americans with Disabilities Act requirements which may encourage patrons needing those accommodations to come to Greenbelt rather than elsewhere. The symbol OC in their ads, Facebook posts and other communications indicates that open captioning is available. However, not all films have this capability. They are also exploring whether they can bring in Spanish language capabilities.

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.*

## Assault

June 14, 5:34 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A 38-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with two counts of assault, concealed deadly weapon and trespass after she allegedly pulled out a knife during a verbal dispute with two other people inside Giant Food. She fled but was apprehended nearby a short time later and was positively identified by the other two people. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Counterfeit Money

June 8, 3:32 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A counterfeit bill was passed at the Sunoco Service Center but the person passing it did not realize it was counterfeit.

## Theft

June 8, 3:18 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man approached a woman at a bus stop, grabbed the cell phone she was holding and then fled on foot.

June 11, 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. An unattended black and green Razor brand 26-inch bicycle was taken.

June 12, 9:50 p.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A man approached a woman from behind as she walked down the street and grabbed her purse from her arm. He is described as black, 6 feet tall, 180 pounds,

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intent, he relented and allowed us to proceed. That's the kind of friend/brother Ron was.

Ron became a D.C. cop for about two years, but did not like some of the things he was required to do to subdue protesters, both uncivil and peaceful. Being the great talker he was, he then found his true path as a salesman. He started with a food truck, selling snacks, sandwiches and drinks at work sites. He was successful enough to remain in that business for 10 years. He got tired of confronting pilferers at nearly every site, so he moved to selling and purchasing auto parts at Rosie's junkyard on Route 1. He loved the back-and-forth with the customers and eventually moved into management with the parent company of Brandywine Auto Parts, from which he retired.

Our mutual friends included Lee Dorsey, Jay Coleman, Art Manuel, Darrel Smith, Ken Nicholson, Eddie Harris, Kirby Moore, Bobby Holland, Jack Burton and a host of others we joined according to the event. Our lives diverged later of course, but we still kept in touch. He attended a party in our yard two years ago and I visited with him periodically, particularly when he was hospitalized or recovering at home. He always had a smile and related how well he was doing compared to others who had it worse. He had lost

that old carefully coiffed teenage hair wave in the front of his head to a sparse covering of desperate strands of hair, but his loving heart never wavered and he was always glad to see me and Barbara. Greenbelt and its kids were the better for his presence and he was the better for his loving and patient wife Diane and his three children, family and friends.

## Recycle Old Bikes

Recycle your bicycle on Sunday, June 25 when the annual Bikes for the World collection returns to Greenbelt for June Peace Month. Accepted items include bikes of all models in repairable condition (no children's tricycles please), bicycle parts, accessories and tools. Bikes for the World collects thousands of these bicycles, donating them to non-profit partners overseas where they are reconditioned and transform lives. Learn more at [bikesfortheworld.org](http://bikesfortheworld.org). A \$10 per bike donation is suggested to defray a share of the shipping cost. Collection time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building. Questions may be directed to [jamesfischer@mac.com](mailto:jamesfischer@mac.com). Sponsored by the Greenbelt Bahai' Community.



## Snippets from the Past

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Service on the B30 Metrobus, which runs between the Greenbelt Metro Station and BWI Airport, will be reduced, effective Sunday, June 25. There will no longer be service on this route on weekends. On weekdays, the interval between bus departures will increase from the current 40 minutes to 1 hour, and the one-way fare will increase to \$7.50, \$3.75 for seniors and people with disabilities.

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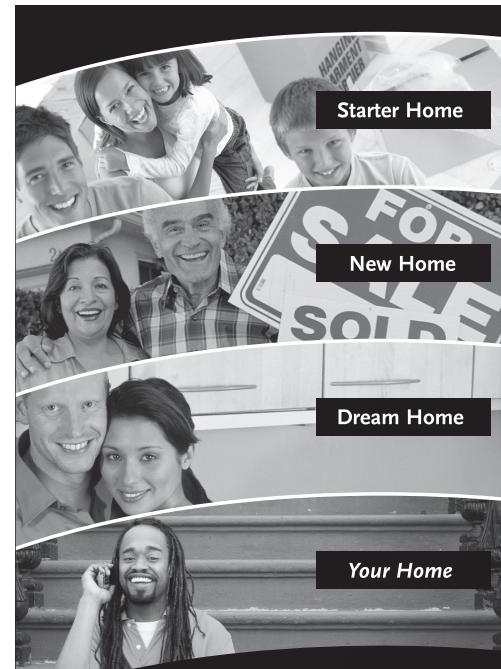


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Congratulations to Heather Kork (Martin) who recently received a master's degree in distance education and e-learning from University of Maryland University College. She experienced distance education first-hand by earning her degree while living in Moscow, Russia, with her hus-

band, Mauno. Both are former Greenbelters, graduates of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and work at the American Embassy. Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

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Monday, June 26th through Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

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# Book Launch for Local Author Is Part of Friday Fun Night

by Matt Arbach

The Fire Bird opens not with a word but with a sound, "Chip-chip-che-way-o." This is the song of the male Kirtland's Warbler, the subject of the book by author Amy Hansen and illustrator Janet W. Oliver. This song acts as a mantra throughout the book, it weaving a search for home and family and the struggle for survival for this endangered bird species. On June 23 at 7 p.m., at the Greenbelt Community Church Friday Fun Night, author Hansen will be a part of the festivities with a book launch.

Hansen says that "picture books start with the words." She endeavored to use lyrical and evocative language to give inspiration for each page of illustration. She worked closely with Oliver to create a realistic flavor for each picture. Hansen uses spirited prose to tell an engaging story of a male Kirtland's Warbler as he transitions from fledgling to adult. It includes learning to fly, mastering his distinctive song, making his yearly migration and eventually making a home and family of his own among the jack

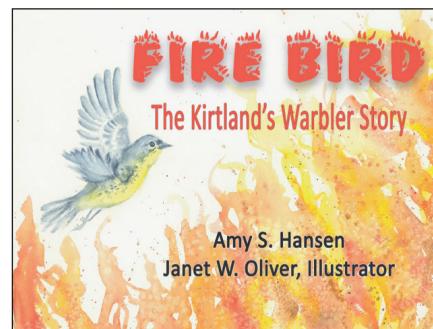


PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Amy Hansen launches her new book, *FIRE BIRD*, on Friday, June 23 at Greenbelt Community Church.

pines. Oliver's paintings capture the energy of these birds and especially the beauty and danger of the burning forests, so important to their life cycle.

Hansen's initial inspiration for this book was the jack pine tree itself, which Kirtland's Warblers use solely for their nests. Jack pines require fire to spread their seeds, the heat causing the pine cones to burst open. In the wild, lightning strikes often act as a spark. The expansion of human settlement is a threat to these birds, as it leads to the suppression of fires and sometimes the removal of the trees themselves.

Protected forests, mostly in Michigan, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada, now act as the major preserve for Kirtland's Warblers, with controlled burning sometimes used to perpetuate the life cycle of the jack pine.

Another threat to Kirtland's Warbler is the Brown-headed Cowbird, which removes eggs from warbler nests and leaves its own eggs to be hatched by the warblers. The cowbird nestlings, which are much

larger than the baby warblers, grab most of the food the adult warblers bring to the nest, often causing the warbler nestlings to starve. Conservationists trap cowbirds to prevent this damaging cycle.

Hansen says that her "job as a science writer is to make sure the amazing pieces are framed well enough that other people recognize they're amazing." She stresses that nonfiction "has a story and drama."

The Fire Bird is widely available online, as well as at the Greenbelt Co-op and Franklins General Store in Hyattsville.

## Greenbelt Babe Ruth Upcoming Schedule

### Junior Team (13-15):

Friday 6/23 6:15pm vs. Clinton at Cosca Field

Saturday 6/24 12:30pm vs. Beltsville at PG Sports Park

Tuesday 6/27 6:30pm vs. Laurel Bolts at Braden Field

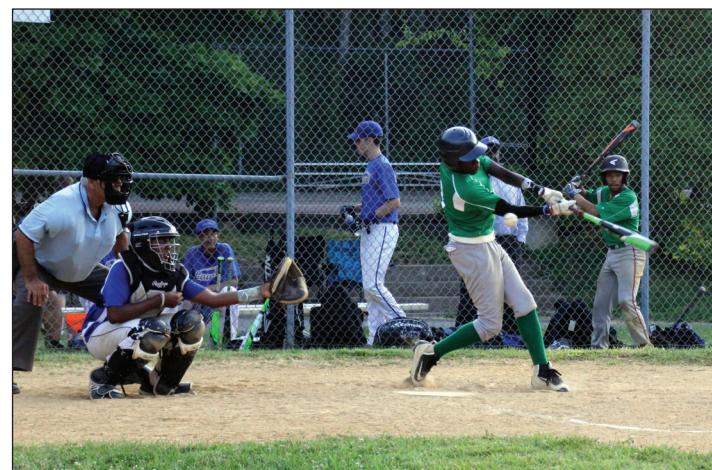
### Senior Team (16-18):

Friday 6/23 6:15pm/8:30pm vs. Lanham at Braden Field

Both the Junior and Senior Greenbelt Babe Ruth Teams have started their seasons on winning streaks. The Junior Team is currently 7-2 and most recently avenged one of only two losses - in a double digit win - against the Laurel Bolts. The Junior team is made up mostly of a mixture of former Greenbelt Little League players and Eleanor Roosevelt High School players. Evan Wasniewski and Matthew Baravechia have been key offensively while Devin Zeiders and Brian Bailey have been strong on the mound.

The Senior Team has started their season undefeated. They are 5-0 behind rock solid pitching from Clark Reese, Josiah Parker, Kenny Reyes, and Kevin Reyes. Se'Von Anthony has been a sparkplug offensively at the top of the line-up with lots of power from the middle including multiple grandslams from Langston Cross.

- Ian Gleason



Masius Anthony takes a swing in the Greenbelt Junior Babe Ruth team's victory against the Laurel Bolts.

- Photos by Kathy Smith



AJ Rizzo slides safely home as Brian Bailey (background) directs traffic on the basepath.

## Snowball Delight in June

by René Sewell-Raynor



PHOTO BY RENE SEWELL-RAYSOR

Children in Franklin Park celebrate snowballs in June.

"Snowballs in June" was one of the featured events at the inaugural Springhill Lake Kidz Field Day. Hula Hoop Tic Tac Toe, relay races requiring the donning of oversized clothing and the "Snowballs in June Battle" were part of the activities. The "snowballs" were white socks that will be washed and donated to charity.

Anne Wallace explained that The Franklin Park Community Pride Committee is a loose confederation of organizations and committees who promote and highlight activities in Franklin Park. Neighborhood parents, Syrina Brooks and Simone King staffed the "Under Five Club" for preschoolers who "fished"

in a wading pool, blew bubbles, and played Horseshoes and Rings among other activities.

The Leaders-in-training, Nora Alyasiri, Antonio Thompson and Ali Alyasiri ran the events for the older kids. Almost thirty kids participated and ate watermelon afterwards.

The Reverend Ray Raynor praised the community-building activity saying "Franklin Park can be pretty transient, but there is real community in these courtyards."

Contact the Franklin Park Community Pride Committee at 240-965-7858 or FranklinPrkCPC@gmail.com for more information.



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